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British Medical Association.

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, BRADFORD, JULY 22nd to 25th, 1924.

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

President: CHARLES PLUMLEY CHILDE, B.A., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon, Royal Portsmouth Hospital.

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Treasurer: GEORGE ERNEST HASLIP, M.D.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

THE incoming President will deliver his address to the Association on Tuesday, July 22nd.

The ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING will begin on Friday, July 18th, at 10 a.m., and be continued on the three following weekdays.

The statutory ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on July 22nd, at 2 p.m., and the adjourned general meeting at 7.45 p.m.

The Annual Dinner of the Association will take place on Thursday, July 24th.

The Conference of Secretaries will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23rd, and the Secretaries' Dinner at 6.30 the same evening.

The official Religious Service will be held in the Cathedral on July 22nd, at 4.30 p.m., when the Archbishop of York will preach.

The Annual Exhibition of surgical appliances, foods, drugs, and books will be opened by the President-Elect on July 22nd, at 9.30 a.m., and will remain open on July 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

A Popular Lecture, entitled "The Sun Cure," will be delivered by Sir Henry J. Gauvain, M.D., on Friday, July 25th.

Saturday, July 26th, the last day of the meeting, will be given up to excursions to places of interest in the neighbourhood.

THE SECTIONS.

The Scientific Sections will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for papers and discussions, and it is hoped that laboratory and clinical demonstrations will be arranged for the afternoons of July 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

The following Sections will meet on Three Days—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 23, 24, and 25.

MEDICINE.

President: ARTHUR J. HALL, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: F. W. EURICH, M.D.; W. E. HUME, C.M.G., M.D., F.R.C.P.; W. LANGDON BROWN, M.D., F.R.C.P.

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Vice-Presidents: HAROLD BURROWS, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.; GEORGE E. GASK, C.M.G., D.S.O., F.R.C.S.; T. JASON WOOD, M.D.

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President: JOHN S. FAIRBAIRN, M.B., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: Miss LOUISA B. ALDRICH-BLAKE, M.D., M.S.; R. W. JOHNSTONE, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.Edin.; JAMES PHILLIPS, F.R.C.S.Edin.

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PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.

President: C. H. BROWNING, M.D.
Vice-Presidents: A. G. GIBSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.; T. J. MACKIE, M.D., D.P.H.; J. A. D. RADCLIFFE, M.B., B.Ch.
Honorary Secretaries: WM. CAMPBELL, M.B., Ch.B., City Bacteriological Laboratories, 16–18, Edmund Street, Bradford; CUTHBERT E. DUKES, O.B.E., M.D., 18, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

President: T. GRAINGER STEWART, M.D., F.R.C.P.
Vice-Presidents: DONALD E. CORE, M.D., M.R.C.P.; ANTHONY FEILING, M.D., F.R.C.P.; BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D., F.R.C.P.
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The following Sections will meet each on Two Days.

OPHTHALMOLOGY.

President: A. MAITLAND RAMSAY, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.Glasg.
Vice-Presidents: R. J. COULTER, M.B., F.R.C.S.I.; G. H. OLIVER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.; A. L. WHITEHEAD, M.B., B.S.
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President: LEONARD FINDLAY, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.Glasg.
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President: W. JOBSON HORNE, M.D.
Vice-Presidents: W. APPLEYARD, F.R.C.S.; C. A. SCOTT RIDOUT, M.S., F.R.C.S.; W. S. SYME, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.Glasg.
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The following Sections will meet each on One Day.

ORTHOPAEDICS.

President: R. C. ELMSLIE, O.B.E., M.S., F.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: E. LAMING EVANS, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.; F. W. GOYDER, F.R.C.S.
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MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

President: ARTHUR MANKNELL, M.B., B.S.
Vice-Presidents: C. J. BOND, C.M.G., F.R.C.S.; Sir WILLIAM S. GLYN-JONES; FRANCIS ASKEW, J.P.; Councillor H. THORNTON PULLAN, J.P.
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President: J. M. H. MACLEOD, M.D., F.R.C.P.
Vice-Presidents: HENRY MACCORMAC, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.; R. A. VEALE, M.D., M.R.C.P.; W. M. C. WATSON, M.D.
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The Honorary Local General Secretary of the Bradford Annual Meeting is Dr. W. N. WEST WATSON, Victor Lodge, Manningham, Bradford.

A LIST of periodical publications, official reports, and Blue Books in the Library of the British Medical Association available for issue to members on loan has been printed, and copies can be obtained free on application to the Librarian at the house of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C.2. The regulations governing the loan of these publications are stated in the introduction to the list. The Library is open for consultation from 10 a.m. till 6.30 p.m. (on Saturdays 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.).

SOUTH AFRICAN COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the South African Committee of the British Medical Association was held at Bloemfontein on December 7th, 1923. The President, Dr. D. Campbell Watt, being unavoidably prevented from being present, Dr. E. G. DRU DRURY was unanimously elected to the chair.

Referendum to British Medical Association Branches.

Dr. A. J. ORENSTEIN reported that the results of the referendum to the British Medical Association were as follows:

Branch.	No. of Members.	No. Voted.	For *status quo.*	For new Association.	Majority for *status quo.*	Majority for new Association.
Rhodesian (Matabeleland Division)	18	11	9	2	7	—
Witwatersrand	177	116	49	67	—	18
Griqualand West	23	13	16	2	14	—
Orange Free State and Basutoland	67	48	14	34	—	20
Cape of Good Hope—Western Province	160	138	72	66	6	—
Cape of Good Hope—Eastern Province	48	31	27	4	23	—
Natal Inland	47	33	24	9	15	—
Natal Coastal	46	42	26	16	10	—
Pretoria	49	28	7	21	—	14
Border	63	54	30	24	6	—
	701	519	274	245	81	52

On the motion of Dr. DE KOCK, seconded by Dr. JONES, it was resolved:

> That the President write to the Council of the British Medical Association, London, transmitting the results of the Referendum, and pointing out that it is the opinion of the South African Committee that the result of the Referendum to the profession in South African at large, as well as the result of the Referendum to the British Medical Association, indicate that there is a strong feeling in the profession in favour of a South African Medical Association affiliated to the British Medical Association, and that it is probable that this feeling will have a tendency to increase in the future. That, therefore, strenuous efforts must be made to organize the profession if the British Medical Association is to continue in South Africa as the representative medical organization. That to achieve this end the South African Committee is strongly of opinion that an organizing medical secretary must be immediately appointed. It is considered that the cost of such a secretary in salary, office, and travelling expenses would be approximately £2,000 per annum. That the financial position of the British Medical Association Branches in South Africa is such that, unless very material financial aid is forthcoming from the Home organization, they would be unable to make this essential appointment, and the President is, therefore, to request the British Medical Association Council for a grant towards the expense of this appointment, pointing out at the same time that although the South African Committee is strongly in favour of such an appointment, the concurrence of the Branches in South Africa would have to be obtained, and that they would be approached as soon as the Home Council indicates what it is prepared to do in this matter.

The subcommittee dealing with this matter was discharged with thanks.

The Medical, Dental, and Pharmacy Bill.

Dr. J. A. MITCHELL, Secretary of Public Health for the Union of South Africa, made a statement on the position in regard to this bill, and drew particular attention to the possibility of an amendment being put forward in Parliament to Section 34 of the bill, and expressed his conviction that if an undesirable amendment was to be prevented the profession in South Africa must take the matter up vigorously. The draft letter submitted by the President was read and discussed, as well as letters from the Secretary of the Durban Branch and the Transvaal Medical Council. After discussion of these letters and of the whole situation it was resolved, on the motion of Dr. B. NICOL, seconded by Dr. ORENSTEIN, to appoint a special subcommittee consisting of Drs. Mitchell, Napier, and Orenstein. The President was requested to have the letter as redrafted by the subcommittee translated into Dutch and sent to all the members of the Senate and the House of Assembly, as well as to every registered medical practitioner in the Union of South Africa, enclosing with each letter reprints of the editorials from the *South African Medical Record* and Dr. J. A. Mitchell's evidence before the Select Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Mitchell for his attendance at the meeting and the valuable aid extended by him to the deliberations.

Government Support for Medical Research.

Dr. MITCHELL stated that £20,000 had been voted for an extension of the buildings of the South African Institute for Medical Research, and that various sums had been voted through the educational vote to the medical schools. The care of lepers was to be placed under the Union Health Department as from April 1st, 1924, and Dr. Mitchell added that he felt further support could be looked forward to when the financial position improved. It was resolved that a resolution urging the Government to grant further facilities for medical research be brought forward at the next Medical Congress.

After other business had been transacted, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Committee take place at Grahamstown during the session of the South African Medical Congress.

British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Non-Panel Committee.

A MEETING of the Non-Panel Committee of the British Medical Association was held on January 29th, when Dr. J. Stevens of Edinburgh was appointed chairman. Other members of the committee present were the Chairman of Council (Dr. R. A. Bolam), Dr. Charles Buttar, Mr. Herbert Cook, Dr. A. Blackhall-Morison, Mr. E. B. Turner, and Mr. W. Webster. A subcommittee, consisting of the Chairman, Drs. Blackhall-Morison, Buttar, D. H. Fraser, and Mr. H. M. Stratford, was appointed to consider and report as to what modifications in the National Health Insurance Acts would be likely to render available for insured persons the services of practitioners who have not entered into agreements with the Insurance Committees. Suggestions are invited from members for the consideration of the subcommittee. These should be forwarded to the Medical Secretary, 429, Strand, W.C.2.

Association Prizes for Essays by Medical Students.

There appeared in this column of the SUPPLEMENT of November 3rd, 1923, particulars in connexion with the prizes, of £10 each, which were being awarded by the Council of the British Medical Association for essays by final-year medical students on "Three cases illustrating different causes of dyspnoea." The following members of the Association have kindly undertaken to act as examiners in connexion with the award of the prizes: Professor G. L. Gulland, C.M.G., M.D. (Edinburgh), Sir William Hale-White, K.B.E., M.D. (London), Professor A. J. Hall, M.D. (Sheffield), Sir Humphry Rolleston, K.C.B., M.D., P.R.C.P., LL.D. (London). The last date for receipt of essays was January 31st. The result of the competition will be announced in March.

Naval Prize Money.

An inquirer who had served as a temporary surgeon in the navy during the war recently asked the Association to advise him whether he was entitled to receive prize money. It was ascertained that doctors who served during the war on sea-going ships were entitled to a share of prize money, and the inquirer was advised to send to the Secretary of the Admiralty details of his sea service, and ask whether any money was due to him. This he did, with entirely satisfactory results. It may not be generally known that naval medical officers are entitled to prize money. Those who held temporary commissions during the war in the Royal Naval Medical Service and have not received any share are advised to make inquiries of the Admiralty.

The Half-Yearly Indexes.

The usual half-yearly indexes to the JOURNAL and to the SUPPLEMENT and EPITOME have been prepared and published; they will, however, not be issued with all copies of the JOURNAL, but only to those readers who ask for them. Any member or subscriber who desires to have one or all of the indexes can obtain what he wants, post free, by sending a post-card notifying his desire to the Financial Secretary, 429, Strand, W.C.2.

Association Notices.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next meetings of the Council will be held at the offices of the British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C., on Wednesday, February 13th, at 10 a.m., and Thursday, February 14th, at 10 a.m.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

KENT BRANCH: ISLE OF THANET DIVISION.—A meeting of the Isle of Thanet Division will be held on Friday, February 15th, at the Bungalow Hotel, Birchington, at 4.45 p.m., when Dr. W. R. Brunton will preside. An address on Vaccines: Their Preparation and Administration will be given by Dr. Harold Spitta, M.V.O., Lecturer in Bacteriology, St. George's Hospital.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Ashton-under-Lyne Division will be held at the George and Dragon Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Wednesday, February 13th. Members will assemble at 8.30 p.m. Dinner at 9 prompt. In order that final arrangements can be made members are requested to notify the Honorary Secretary if they intend to be present and how many guests they propose to bring.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A meeting of the City Division will be held on Tuesday, February 12th, at 9.30 p.m., at the Metropolitan Hospital, when Professor Hugh Maclean, D.Sc., M.D., Director of Medical Unit, St. Thomas's Hospital, will read a paper on the Treatment of Diabetes with special reference to Insulin. The next fancy dress dinner-dance will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on April 10th. Prizes.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—An address will be given on Thursday, February 28th, at Kensington Palace Mansions Hotel, De Vere Gardens, at 8.45 p.m. by the Rev. H. Costley White, M.A., Headmaster of Westminster School. The subject of the address will be announced later. An address will be given during March by Dr. H. R. Oswald, barrister-at-law, H.M. Coroner for the Western District.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on Tuesday, February 26th, at 8.15 p.m., for general business. At 8.45 p.m. Mr. Harold Mant, M.S., F.R.C.S., laryngologist to the Royal Northern and Royal Free Hospitals, will read a paper.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WEST MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Middlesex Division will be held on Thursday, February 14th, at 8.30 p.m., at Paul's Tea Rooms, Ealing Broadway, when Mr. S. Maynard Smith, C.B., will give an address on Chronic Abdominal Pain. A discussion will follow.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER AND HOLBORN DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Westminster and Holborn Division will be held at the Criterion Restaurant at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 14th, when Dr. K. R. Hay, O.B.E., will be in the chair. The meeting will be preceded by dinner (price 7s. 6d.) at 7.30 p.m. If possible, members are requested to notify the Honorary Secretary of their intention to be present and the number of guests. Agenda: (1) ordinary business; (2) paper by Professor Maclean on Insulin in General Practice, followed by a discussion.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—A meeting will be held at the Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, on Wednesday, February 20th, at 9 p.m., when Mr. V. Z. Cope, M.S., F.R.C.S., will speak on the Differential Diagnosis of the Acute Abdomen. All interested are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The following is the programme of the scientific demonstration at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Thursday, February 21st:—2.15 to 2.45 p.m., Mr. J. H. Barclay: Hare-lip; 2.45 to 3.15 p.m., Mr. F. C. Pybus: Local Anaesthesia; 3.15 to 3.45 p.m., Mr. Hamilton Drummond: Diagnosis of Malignant Disease of the Colon; 3.45 to 4 p.m., Tea; 4 to 4.30 p.m., Dr. R. A. Bolam: Dermatological Demonstration; 4.30 to 5 p.m., Mr. W. E. M. Wardill: Demonstration on the Surgical Pathology of Bones.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DIVISION.—A Division Bridge Evening will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at the Medical Institute, at 8.30 p.m. A large attendance of bridge players is hoped for, and should the evening prove a success it is proposed to hold similar evenings twice a month during the season. The suggested nights are the second Saturday and the last Thursday in each month.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Portsmouth Division will be held in the Technical College Chemistry Lecture Theatre, D1 (at the head of the second landing, facing the stairs), on Friday, February 15th, at 4.15 p.m., when Dr. Parkinson, assistant physician to the London Hospital, will give a lecture on Some Points in the Diagnosis of Heart Diseases. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides. Tea will be provided.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Buckinghamshire Division will be held at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, on Friday, February 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Agenda: Correspondence; to elect the Representative and Deputy Representative; address by Mr. A. E. Webb-Johnson, C.B.E., D.S.O., F.R.C.S.: Kinks of Surgical Importance. Questions and a discussion afterwards will be welcomed.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH: HEREFORD DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Hereford Division to be held on Monday, February 25th, Dr. A. E. Gow will give a British Medical Association Lecture on Endocrinology.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH : SHEFFIELD DIVISION.

Debate on Professional Secrecy.

A JOINT meeting of members of the medical and legal professions was held on January 24th, when a debate took place on the subject of professional secrecy. The chair was occupied by his Honour Judge W. J. LIAS, and the discussion was introduced by Dr. E. F. SKINNER, medical officer in charge of the venereal diseases clinic at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, who proposed the following resolution, which had been drawn up by a joint committee :

> "That, as in the opinion of this meeting it is an essential principle of medical conduct that information obtained in connexion with the treatment of patients should not be divulged without the consent of the patient concerned, this meeting express the opinion that the proper preservation of professional secrecy necessitates that the same privilege should attach to communications between the medical adviser and patient which exists between legal adviser and client."

Dr. Skinner said that deep in the heart of medicine there had always burned a steady lamp—the lamp of "Trust." Whatever changes the medical profession underwent—and he admitted that, as in other professions, they must move and alter their viewpoint—the feeling of trust and confidence which was its most valuable asset should be kept alive. Referring to the work of the venereal diseases clinics, Dr. Skinner said that if the confidence of the patients was no longer to be held inviolate, then one of the corner-stones of the scheme was gone. During the last three years the incidence of syphilis had markedly diminished, and whatever had been the ultimate cause of this the thorough treatment at the clinics had played a large part, and there was no doubt that they had paid for their establishment.

Mr. ARTHUR NEAL (late parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Transport) opened for the other side. He commenced by a scathing criticism of the wording of the resolution, which he stigmatized as illogical and misleading. He said medical men must be guided in this matter by those intangible and indefinable things which we summarize under the term of professional honour. *Solvitur ambulando* applied here. "I beg of the medical profession," said Mr. Neal, "not to attempt to bind themselves by any such resolution, however much the wording may be improved. When you are dealing with the ethics of honour, you have to deal with them, not according to some code, but by instinct, which is almost hereditary. No form of words, certainly not this form of words, will fit." The crucial question was, how far ought a doctor to be protected from giving evidence against his patient? The lawyer's privilege in this regard was strictly limited to the facts learned by him in his professional work with a view to litigation. On the other hand, a lawyer was bound to disclose knowledge of intention to commit a crime. "One of the paramount things in this country is the administration of justice, and it is the duty of every good citizen to assist that." His view was that medical men would have no real difficulty in solving for themselves the question as to what course duty and honour impelled them to take.

Dr. HELM, in seconding the resolution, said that there were three classes of men from whom persons in trouble commonly sought help : clerics, lawyers, and doctors. Although the priest had no legal protection, it had been definitely stated by a judge that counsel had no right to ask any questions as to what was said in the confessional. The respect of confidential communications was as vital to the community as to the individual. He asked whether the difficulty could not be got over by the hearing of some cases *in camera*.

Dr. LANGDON-DOWN (chairman of the Central Ethical Committee of the British Medical Association) called attention to the words in the oath of Hippocrates dealing with professional secrecy. These were to the effect that whatever was learned by a doctor that ought not to be divulged should be kept secret. Hippocrates thus clearly recognized that there were some cases in which it was necessary to divulge information. If the need was felt for the alteration of the present procedure in the law courts, it was for the public, rather than for the profession, to make the request. The public did not seem to be keenly anxious for any change. He was of opinion that there was no great danger, if the present procedure was followed, that private disclosures would have to be published in court.

Mr. H. CAIGER called attention to the fact that at the Annual Representative Meeting at Newcastle in 1921, Mr. Hempson, solicitor to the British Medical Association, when asked point blank whether a solicitor would be justified even in an extreme case in communicating to the court the confidences which he had received from a prisoner, answered emphatically and unhesitatingly, "No" (SUPPLEMENT, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, July 30th, 1921, p. 88). He urged that it was but fair that medical men in this matter should have a similar privilege to that accorded to priests in reference to matters told them under the seal of the confessional.

Mr. F. J. O. CODDINGTON, barrister-at-law, while criticizing the form of the resolution, gave it his support. While lawyers looked at the question from a point of view of justice, medical men were concerned with the public health aspect. The cases where justice would miscarry if the course urged in the resolution were adopted would be few and negligible. On the other hand, the interests of the public would suffer considerably if their confidence in the secrecy of their doctors was impaired.

Mr. GODFREY CARTER (Sheffield Police Surgeon) agreed with the position taken up by Mr. Neal. He thought there was no urgent need for a change. "I think the community is suffering from too much secrecy in the matter of venereal diseases. I believe we are perfectly safe in leaving ourselves in the hands of the judges."

The debate was continued by Dr. RUSSELL, Mr. J. C. AUTY, and Mr. BERNARD ELLIS, after which Mr. NEAL and Dr. SKINNER replied on the discussion.

The voting on the resolution was evenly balanced.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH : WILLESDEN DIVISION.

Medical Inspection and Treatment of School Children.

AN interesting meeting took place in the Council Chamber of the Willesden Town Hall on January 30th, when the Health Committee and the Children's Care Committee of the Urban District Council met members of the local medical profession for the purpose of discussing the scheme of the district council for the medical inspection and treatment of school children and maternity and child welfare. It will be remembered that considerable discussion has taken place in the Willesden Division with respect to this subject, the object of the Division being to secure that any scheme should make possible full co-operation in this work by local general practitioners, and that children found defective should be referred to their own doctor for treatment.

Dr. G. W. R. SKENE, chairman of the Health Committee, who occupied the chair, spoke as to the national need for the care of the health of school children and of the action taken by the Willesden Urban District Council in evolving a scheme providing for the medical inspection and treatment of school children, and in the carrying out of which it was anxious to have the co-operation of the local medical profession. Dr. LOCK, chairman of the Children's Care Committee of the Urban District Council, also spoke as to the details of the scheme.

After discussion, in which many members of the Urban District Council and of the profession took part, Drs. SCOTT and PATERSON stated that the Willesden Division of the British Medical Association approved of the scheme which had been prepared by the district council, and which the profession had had an opportunity of discussing through the Willesden Medical Advisory Committee. They added that the Division would take all action within its power in recommending the scheme to the local medical profession and co-operating heartily in the carrying out of the scheme, and more especially in notifying, by post-card, that treatment was being given and the children referred to their own doctor.

The CHAIRMAN of the district council expressed his thanks to the members of the medical profession for their attendance, and for the promise of the support of the Division to the scheme.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH : LEWISHAM DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Lewisham Division was held on January 15th at 8, Church Terrace, Lee, Lewisham, when Dr. JAMES GILCHRIST was in the chair. Dr. GEORGE JONES, barrister-at-law, delivered an address, "The organization of the medical profession in comparison with the professions of law and church," in which he described the rise to power of the Roman Catholic Church, and gave details of the discipline maintained among the lawyers. At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. George Jones. The Secretary read the annual report for 1923, which was confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH : MARYLEBONE DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Marylebone Division was held on January 23rd. Colonel Sir ARTHUR HOLBROOK gave a very interesting address on light, smoke, and health, in which he emphasized the value to health of light and sunshine, and the danger of smoke contamination in its effects upon health, especially upon the growing child. A series of lantern slides, showing the effects of smoke upon certain industrial cities, and other series showing the sun and light treatment at Leysin and the Alton Home for Cripples, brought the lecture to a close. Messrs. BISHOP HARMAN, MCADAM ECCLES, and SPURGIN took part in a short discussion, to which Sir ARTHUR HOLBROOK replied. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the South Middlesex Division was held at St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on January 22nd, when Dr. R. L. LINGDON-DOWN was in the chair. The Chairman reported on the motion dealing with the salaries paid by the Middlesex County Council, which came before the last meeting of the Branch Council. The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that Sir Henry Gauvain would give a popular lecture on "Sun Cure of Tuberculosis," illustrated by lantern slides, on April 3rd, and a subcommittee comprising Drs. Camps, Dupont, and Ruddock-West was elected to deal with the arrangements for the lecture.

Dr. G. S. EWEN, in opening a discussion on shingles, dealt with the classical history of the disease and the derivation of the name. He submitted the following points for consideration: (1) frequency of seasonal attacks—for example, autumn; (2) severe pain often present and lengthy in duration even after the vesicles had disappeared; (3) prolonged rest necessary; (4) cause unknown, not considered contagious; (5) relation to varicella; (6) frequency of outbreaks. Referring to external treatment, he said that prolonged rest was essential and it was necessary to dry up the vesicles. Many employed a weak solution of picric acid, but a dressing of menthol, zinc, bismuth, and vaseline gave excellent results. For internal treatment, cachets of pyramidon or aspirin and caffeine relieved the pain. In the later stages quinine and arsenic might be given as a tonic. All the members present took part in the discussion. In the absence of Dr. Cooper, who was prevented from attending and opening a discussion on the treatment of diabetes by insulin, Dr. CAMPS related his experience of "insulase."

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER AND HOLBORN DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Westminster and Holborn Division, preceded by a dinner, was held at the Criterion Restaurant on January 10th, when Dr. K. R. HAY was in the chair. Dr. R. E. S. Webb was unanimously elected honorary secretary of the Division in succession to Dr. Huskinson, resigned. Dr. GORDON FLEMING read a paper entitled "Chiropractic," followed by a demonstration. The paper was keenly discussed by a well attended meeting.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: WEST BROMWICH DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the West Bromwich Division was held on January 1st.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Chairman, Dr. A. Bradshaw (Smethwick). *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. R. W. Stocks (West Bromwich). *Secretary*, Dr. J. M. Mitchell (West Bromwich). *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. R. W. Stocks (West Bromwich).

It was agreed that the Executive Committee should constitute and act as the Ethical Committee of the Division. The annual report of the Executive Committee was adopted. The subject of contract practice was discussed and it was agreed that action should be taken to put contract practice on a better footing. A resolution was adopted instructing the Executive Committee to approach other practitioners in their respective areas and try to obtain a general agreement on the subject of bringing contract practice up to the same level as panel practice.

At the clinical meeting which followed, Dr. E. H. R. HARRIES, Medical Superintendent, City of Birmingham Fever Hospital, gave a very interesting demonstration of the Schick test, after which the question of toxin-antitoxin immunization for diphtheria was discussed.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DIVISION.

A WELL attended meeting of the Dumfries and Galloway Division was held in Dumfries on January 17th. A clinical secretary was appointed and quite an ambitious programme of both clinical and social meetings was adopted for 1924. The work of this Division has been in abeyance owing to various circumstances, but it is hoped that an era of increased work and corresponding benefit has now begun.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MID-CHESHIRE DIVISION.

THE report of the Executive Committee for the year ending December 31st, 1923, records a year of increased work and greater interest in Association matters under the experienced, energetic, and enterprising chairmanship of Dr. C. S. O'NEILL. A garden fête was held on June 7th, and those who were able to be present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is hoped that further social enterprises will be undertaken, such as well organized visits to places of historical or medical interest. These functions have a value to those who avail themselves of them that can hardly be overestimated. Owing to the special circumstances of 1923 it was felt that the educational interests of the Division must be sacrificed for the more pressing interests of the amount of the capitation rate and the terms of service and Regulations for 1924. The Committee recognizes the potency of these interests in an increased attendance at meetings, greater keenness in discussion, and frank criticism of the headquarters handling of affairs; and it asks why such enthusiasm should be allowed to wane as the question of remuneration recedes into the background? The Committee congratulates the Division on the fact that 100 per cent. of resignations were sent in when called for. Six Divisional meetings were held during the year—all in Altrincham, and the average attendance was 20.5. Three meetings of the Executive Committee were held, with an average attendance of 7.6.

NORFOLK BRANCH: EAST NORFOLK DIVISION.

A MEETING of the East Norfolk Division was held at the Medical Library, Norwich, on January 16th, when Dr. TURNER BELDING was in the chair. The annual report and accounts of the Division were submitted and passed as correct and other business was disposed of. Dr. KEELING then opened a discussion on "The School Doctor, the Hospital, and the General Practitioner: Abuses that are creeping in." The CHAIRMAN, Drs. SAPWELL, HOWLETT, WOODROFFE, COLVIN-SMITH, MOXHAM, SHEPHEARD, PAULLEY, WELSH, and the HONORARY SECRETARY took part and all were agreed that the general practitioner had much to complain of. It was agreed to put the matter in the hands of the Head Office of the Association, and Dr. Keeling and the Honorary Secretary were appointed a subcommittee to deal with the matter and report at the next meeting.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Croydon Division was held at the Croydon General Hospital on January 15th, when Dr. J. S. RICHARDS was in the chair. Dr. JOHN PARKINSON gave an address on Heart Attack, illustrated by lantern slides. A discussion followed in which Drs. PARTRIDGE, PINKERTON, WOOLRICH, MCGUIRE, LLOYD, and GENGE and the CHAIRMAN took part. At the conclusion Dr. Parkinson was cordially thanked for his interesting address. The next meeting will be held at the Croydon General Hospital on Tuesday, February 19th, at 8.30 p.m., when Professor Hugh Maclean will give an address on Diabetes, with special reference to Insulin Treatment.

EGYPTIAN BRANCH.

Inaugural Meeting.

THE inaugural meeting of the Egyptian Branch was held in the offices of the Association of British Officials, Cairo, on January 15th. The minutes of the preliminary meeting of December 19th, 1923, at which it had been unanimously decided to form a Branch in Egypt, and of the subcommittee meeting on December 29th, 1923, having been read, the question of the constitution of the Branch Council was discussed. The meeting agreed that it should consist of seven members, and the following were elected:

President, Mr. F. C. Madden. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Mr. R. V. Dolbey. *Members*, Dr. Fischer, Colonel Ensor, Mr. MacCallan, Dr. Hassan Bey Shaheen, Dr. Coleman.

It was decided to circularize all medical practitioners with English degrees or diplomas in Egypt with a view to their becoming members and to insert a notice of the formation of the Branch in the *Egyptian Gazette* and in the local press. Mr. MADDEN undertook to report to the parent Council in London the progress of the formation of the Branch to date. The schemes of constitution to be formulated by the Council will shortly be submitted to members.

HYDERABAD AND CENTRAL PROVINCES BRANCH.

A GENERAL meeting of the Branch was held at the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Secunderabad, on December 5th, 1923. A modification of Maclean's apparatus for the estimation of sugar in the blood was shown by the President, Lieut.-Colonel R. W. KNOX, D.S.O., I.M.S. The demonstration was followed by a discussion on the modern treatment of diabetes mellitus.

National Insurance.

REMOVAL FROM THE PANEL.

THE Minister of Health has now issued his decision in the case of Dr. N. M. Tarachand of Mansfield, registered as L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., 1893, who had been charged by the Nottinghamshire Insurance Committee with breach of the Regulations under the National Insurance Acts. The decision, which follows an inquiry held at Mansfield in December last, is to the effect that the continuance of Dr. Tarachand on the list of panel practitioners would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the medical service of insured persons, and his name will therefore be removed from the medical list of the Nottinghamshire Insurance Committee as from February 18th, 1924.

The charges against Dr. Tarachand may be shortly summarized as follows: (1) That he left his practice for a short holiday without providing a deputy. (2) That he issued medical certificates of incapacity contrary to the medical certification rules. (3) That he directed patients to take prescriptions to a particular chemist and not to another chemist. (4) That he issued prescriptions to persons not on his list or to other persons for whom he was under contract to dispense. (5) That he accepted fees from an insured person. (This charge was not proceeded with as the patient concerned was too ill to attend the inquiry and the Court could not accept affidavits without an opportunity of cross-examination.)

As regards the first charge it appears that Dr. Tarachand has about 1,600 insured persons on his list and in August last he went away for about five days for a holiday. His house and consulting rooms were closed during that period and no arrangements were made with any other doctor for the treatment of persons on his list during his absence, except in the case of two patients. He stated that before leaving he had affixed a written notice on the door of his consulting rooms to the effect that he would return on a given date, and that cases of emergency might go to another doctor. The notice was produced to the Court, but the Insurance Committee contended that it had been fabricated for the purpose of the inquiry. As there was conflict of evidence, the Court gave no decision on this point, though it considered it doubtful whether fabrication could be proved. No insured person appears to have

suffered inconvenience from the respondent's absence, and no complaints had been made by insured persons, but the Court held that without making adequate arrangements for his insured patients "no insurance doctor should be recognized as able to leave his practice, even for a few days, in a kind of pious hope that all would be well and that his brethren would render assistance in cases of emergency."

The second charge was regarded as the gravest. It was alleged that in eight cases the respondent had, in anticipation of his holiday, signed intermediate certificates of incapacity, which stated that he had examined persons on August 6th, 7th, and 8th, when he was really away on holiday, and these certificates were actually signed on or before his departure on August 4th. The Court held that the fact that these persons were suffering from illnesses which would certainly be continuing on his return could not be accepted as a satisfactory reason, and the Court stated—

"We can conceive of no circumstances justifying an insurance doctor signing his name to a false statement that he had examined a person on a date upon which in fact he had not or could not have done so. In view of the use to which these certificates have to be put and the reliance placed upon them by societies and others, we think it impossible that any latitude can be allowed or any excuse should be admitted for deliberate inaccuracy or falsity, particularly as to the date of examination."

Dealing with the third charge, it appeared that there had been some quarrel between the respondent and a pharmacist, and the respondent advised patients to take their prescriptions to another pharmacist. The Court declined to enter into the matter of the dispute, but the respondent claimed that he had a right to give advice to and at the request of insured persons as to the choice of chemists, especially as he thought that inferior drugs had been supplied. No evidence satisfactory to the Court was given that the first pharmacist had used inferior drugs, and the Court held that "while there is nothing in the Acts or Regulations directly affecting this point, we think that any conduct likely generally to interfere with the patients' freedom of choice of chemist is not desirable, although there may be particular occasions upon which such advice might rightly be given."

The fourth charge involved twenty different insured persons and ninety-three prescriptions. Sixteen of these persons had received prescriptions, though they were not on the respondent's list. The Court accepted his explanations, though it commented on the careless way in which he kept the record cards. But in three cases prescriptions had been given to persons for whom the respondent was under contract to dispense, and his explanations were not accepted as satisfactory. The Court held, however, that he had simply been guilty of carelessness, and had not acted with the deliberate purpose of making a profit. In the other case, post-dated prescriptions had been given, and the Court was not satisfied that sufficient reasons had been given.

In summing up the Court held that in view of the serious nature of the charges numbered (1) and (2), the respondent be ordered to pay to the Insurance Committee the costs of the inquiry.

LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

THE London Panel Committee held its monthly meeting at the offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, on Tuesday, January 22nd.

The late Dr. Lauriston Shaw.—THE CHAIRMAN (Dr. H. J. Cardale), in opening the proceedings, moved a resolution expressive of the sense of the great loss the Panel Committee had sustained by the death of Dr. Lauriston E. Shaw, who had acted for eleven years as treasurer of the Committee, and had also rendered it very able assistance as a representative on many other bodies. Dr. Shaw was a man of brilliant intellect and one who had been a great deal ahead of his time. They were poorer by the loss of a most valued colleague and loyal friend. Dr. H. H. MILLS, in seconding the motion, said that in the social evolution questions of public health were of vital importance and Dr. Shaw had been one of the few men who had realized the necessity of co-ordinating the work of the doctors so that their opinions could be effective in the general progress. There were very few who would now say that Dr. Shaw's sacrifice in 1913 had been wrong; in fact the vast majority of the doctors throughout the country now realized that Dr. Shaw had been right. The motion was carried, members upstanding.

Public Medical Service for London.—The Finance and General Purposes Subcommittee reported consideration of the practicability of instituting a public medical service in London. A section had been appointed to investigate existing schemes and to report as to whether any of them, or any other scheme, could be adopted for the London area or any part thereof. It was urged that members of the Committee should inform the Secretary as soon as possible as to the fees usually charged in their respective constituencies.

Complaint by Coroner.—It was reported that the British Medical Association had forwarded to the Medical Service Subcommittee a letter from the Coroner of the City of London alleging that the medical attendance of the insured persons in the City was unsatisfactory in that practitioners could not be secured when required. From the investigation which had been made by the Committee it appeared that residential accommodation was not available or, if available, rents too excessive, one practitioner having to relinquish his residence within the City boundary because the only accommodation obtainable carried a rent of £15,000 a year! From the replies received from ten practitioners who had been asked to furnish information, it appeared that no serious objection could be taken to the medical service for insured persons in the City of London. The Panel Committee accordingly unanimously agreed that a report of the result of the investigations into the arrangements for the treatment of insured persons resident in the City of London be forwarded to the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association with a request that the same should be transmitted to the Coroner for the City of London.

LONDON INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the London Insurance Committee was held at the County Hall on January 24th, under the chairmanship of Mr. DE LA RUE.

Expenses of Panel Committee.—The Committee decided, subject to the consent of the Minister of Health, to allot the sum of £3,500 for the year 1924, out of the amount available for the provision of medical benefit in London, for the administrative expenses of the Panel Committee.

Remuneration of Medical Practitioners.—It was reported that the amount of the Central Practitioners' Fund for the year 1923 had been finally determined at £5,856,000, and that this sum was available for distribution amongst Insurance Committees. The London Committee's share of the total fund was £782,717. Included in this was the sum of £600 which had been withheld from the Supplementary Grant payable to the Committee owing to the default of certain practitioners, which had been recovered from the practitioners concerned. The Committee had already paid £767,323 to practitioners for the year 1923, and there remained therefore £15,389 to be distributed among the individual practitioners on the basis of the number of insured persons on each practitioner's list. A separate calculation had to be made for each quarter, as the balance now allotted to the Committee applied to the whole of the year 1923. The Central Practitioners' Fund was constituted on the basis of a capitation fee of 9s. 6d. per annum and the total amount paid to practitioners in respect of each unit of credit was a fraction over 9s. 7d. For the year 1924 the quarterly settlements to practitioners will again be made on a provisional basis. It was anticipated that the final settlement for 1923 would be made at an early date.

Range of Medical Service.—It was stated that two practitioners had informed the Committee that they had charged fees to insured persons in respect of the following services: retinoscopy under a mydriatic for estimation of refraction and prescribing suitable glasses, refraction for presbyopia, and retinoscopy for hypermetropia, on the ground that these services did not fall within the scope of medical benefit. The opinion of the Local Medical Committee was that the services as described did not fall into the category of those which were of a kind, consistently with the best interests of the patient, which could be properly undertaken by a general practitioner of ordinary professional competence and skill. The Insurance Committee concurred in this opinion.

Medical Service Inquiries.—The Committee considered 23 cases of complaints against practitioners, brought forward on the report of the Medical Service Subcommittee, and accepted the subcommittee's recommendations in every case except one, which case was referred back to the subcommittee on the ground that, in the opinion of the Committee, the practitioner did not exercise proper care in the treatment of the insured person, and that the disciplinary action which the subcommittee proposed was not sufficiently strong.

Correspondence.

Insurance Medical Remuneration.

SIR,—In studying the evidence laid before the Court of Inquiry into the capitation fee, it is interesting to note that the memorandum presented by the Ministry of Health entirely abandons the original basis on which the whole question of remuneration was founded.

In a letter of mine dealing with "panel" statistics, which you published in March of last year,[1] I pointed out that the actuarial calculations of Sir W. Plender—upon which the entire fabric of remuneration was based—had been abundantly proved to be utterly wrong and grossly underestimated. This is now admitted by the very memorandum presented by the Ministry of Health, and laid by them before the Court of Inquiry. See Part II, paragraph 4, last clause[2]:

"The report of Sir William Plender . . . is not appended to this memorandum, being largely based on considerations, *e.g.*, as to number of attendances given, which no longer hold good."

From the very beginning the medical profession contended that these "considerations" did not "hold good"; but, of course, their contention was turned down, and their remuneration was fixed upon the basis of these very figures which the Ministry now admits are quite incorrect. This point is furthermore "rubbed in" by the chief medical authority of the Ministry of Health himself. Dr. Smith Whitaker, in seeking

[1] SUPPLEMENT, March 24th, 1923, p. 95.
[2] Ibid., January 5th, 1924, p. 17.

to bolster up a point with regard to certificates, stated in his evidence: "About 50 per cent. of the insured population passed through the doctors' hands every year. In the urban areas the percentage was about 60." Thus, by their own showing, the Ministry of Health prove most satisfactorily that the basic calculations upon which the whole question of remuneration of insurance practitioners was founded are entirely erroneous and grossly underestimated.

One does not require to labour a point so obvious as this; but one would like to know how (when on their own showing a doctor is called upon to do at least two and a half to three times as much work as the Ministry estimated) the late Minister could contend that his recent offer was "generous." Also how the approved societies—who keep on protesting that they "have no quarrel with the doctors"—can keep on contending that even the original fee paid in 1911 is more than sufficient.—I am, etc.,

W. B. M.

Terms of Service (1924) Certification Rules.

"DISAPPOINTED," in the course of a letter on this subject, writes: I suppose that only in connexion with health insurance would it be possible for such a thing to happen as the delivery of a massive and most complicated batch of Regulations, etc., which arrived on January 1st, with the intimation that they formed part of the agreement and came into operation as you opened the packet! Would any other profession or body of workers tolerate it? One needs to be a lawyer to follow and satisfactorily understand these Regulations. Had it been a lucid explanation, emphasizing important and difficult points, and guiding one helpfully to observe reasonable practice and principles, it would have been most encouraging to good work.

Reading this packet through on new year's evening left me with the impression that we are looked on as men never to be trusted, but tied on every point by some rule, and that conscientious and painstaking service in things medical is quite secondary to being a good regulation keeper.

Practitioners should note carefully the warning that slips will not be regarded as "technical," and they are presumed to remember every rule and regulation. It appears to me unfortunately true that many practitioners will feel, however conscientious and punctilious they are, that it is risky to continue panel practice.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON COMMANDER G. S. DAVIDGE has been placed on the retired list with the rank of Surgeon Captain.

Surgeon Lieutenant A. P. Anderson-Stuart transferred to the permanent list with original seniority, June 15th, 1923.

Charles Godfrey to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The following Majors retire on retired pay: R. J. Cahill, D.S.O., and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; E. C. Whitehead.

The following Lieutenants are confirmed in their rank: W. B. F. Orr, F. J. O'Meara, T. W. Davidson.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flight Lieutenant C. T. O'Neill, O.B.E., is granted the acting rank of Squadron Leader from October 21st, 1922, to September 26th, 1923, inclusive.

Flight Lieutenants J. Prendergast to the Stores Dépôt, Irak, instead of to No. 84 Squadron, as previously notified; E. G. Howell to R.A.F. Dépôt; J. J. Clarke to Research Laboratory and Medical Officers' School of Instruction on appointment to a short service commission for short course; C. P. Barker and B. F. Haythornthwaite to the Aircraft Dépôt, India; C. A. Lindup to No. 27 Squadron, India.

Flying Officers S. G. Gilmore and T. Glynn to the Research Laboratory and Medical Officers' School of Instruction, Hampstead, on appointment to short service commissions for short course.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieut.-Colonel F. H. G. Hutchinson, C.I.E., Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India, is granted leave on average pay for eight months, with effect from December 28th, 1923.

Lieut.-Colonel A. N. Fleming, D.S.O., to be Colonel, vice Colonel C. H. Bowle-Evans, C.M.G., C.B.E., promoted to the rank of Major-General.

Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Sumner, Civil Surgeon, Simla (East), is granted leave on average pay for four months, with effect from October 25th, 1923.

Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Jeudwine, C.M.G., Civil Surgeon, Simla (West), is appointed to hold charge of the duties of the Civil Surgeon, Simla (East), in addition to his own duties during the absence on leave of Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Sumner.

The promotion to his present rank of Major R. A. Chambers, O.B.E., notified in Army Department Notification No. 2313, dated October 4th, 1918, is ante-dated from September 1st, 1918, to March 1st, 1918.

Major J. Morison, Assistant Director, Bombay Bacteriological Laboratory, is granted leave on average pay for eight months, with effect from April 15th or the subsequent date on which he avails himself of it.

Captain (now Major) G. R. Lynn, D.S.O., to be temporary Major whilst employed as Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, from May 16th, 1918, to July 30th, 1921.

The King has approved the resignation of Captain B. F. Beatson on appointment to a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force (November 7th, 1923).

Captain J. D. L. Yule is appointed to the Medical Stores Department (November 5th, 1923).

The services of the following officers of the Indian Medical Service are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab from the dates on which they assume charge of their respective duties: Captains S. Gordon, M.C., Hari Chand, M.C., and N. D. Puri.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Lieutenant J. Cohen from 13th Battalion, London Regiment, to be Lieutenant with precedence as from July 20th, 1922.

A. C. Crawford to be Lieutenant.

J. D. M. Cardell to be Lieutenant, July 7th, 1923, with precedence as from April 7th, 1923. (Substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, July 6th, 1923.)

General Hospitals.—Major T. H. Oliver (late R.A.M.C.) to be Major.

MILITIA.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain Sinclair Miller, D.S.O., M.C., to be Major.

VACANCIES.

BIRMINGHAM: QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.—Medical Registrar (non-resident). Honorarium £100 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Two House-Physicians. (2) Three House-Surgeons. (3) House-Surgeon for Ear, Nose, and Throat Department. (4) Obstetric House-Surgeon. (5) Casualty Ophthalmic House-Surgeon. (6) Dental House-Surgeon (non-resident). Salary (1) to (5) at the rate of £80 per annum and for (6) £116 per annum.

CAMBERWELL INFIRMARY.—Assistant Medical Superintendent (male). Salary £500 per annum, rising to £600.

CARLISLE: CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £175 per annum as House-Physician and £200 per annum as House-Surgeon.

COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND.—Medical Woman for general service. Emoluments Rs. 550 per mensem.

DARLINGTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £200 per annum.

EDINBURGH: THE HOSPICE MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Remuneration at the rate of £50 per annum.

EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Junior House-Surgeon (non-resident). Salary £60 and £40 per annum respectively.

EDINBURGH: ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Four Honorary Resident Medical Officers.

EDINBURGH: ROYAL EDINBURGH MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant Physician. Salary £350 per annum.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.—Physician to Out-patients (honorary).

HARTLEPOOL: THE HARTLEPOOLS HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £200 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS, Maida Vale, W.9.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

KENT COUNTY OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Maidstone.—Male House-Surgeon. Salary £300 per annum.

KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL, Windsor.—(1) Honorary Physician. (2) Honorary Assistant Physician.

MALAY STATES.—Medical Officers and Health Officers. Salary equivalent to £616, rising to £1,120 with temporary additional allowances to meet high cost of living.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITALS.—Resident Obstetric Surgeons and two House-Surgeons for the Whitworth Street West Hospital (Maternity). Resident Surgical Officer and one House-Surgeon for the Whitworth Park Hospital (Gynaecological and Children). Salary for the senior appointments £200 per annum, and for the junior appointments £50 per annum.

MANCHESTER VICTORIA MEMORIAL JEWISH HOSPITAL.—Two additional Anaesthetists. Honorarium 50 guineas per annum and fee at the rate of 10s. 6d. per attendance.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

ROYAL CHEST HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—Physician with charge of Out-patients.

ROYAL EARLSWOOD ASYLUM, Redhill.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £250 per annum, rising to £280.

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, 234, Great Portland Street, W.1.—Three Honorary Anaesthetists. Honorarium £1 1s. in respect of each attendance.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, E.C.—Refraction Assistant. Salary £1 1s. per session.

ST. MARYLEBONE HOSPITAL, Ladbroke Grove, W.10.—Third Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary £300 per annum.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Radiographer. Salary £200 per annum.

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CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEON.—The following appointment is vacant: Markfield (Leicestershire).

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

GOMPERTZ, R. H. C., M.B., B.S., Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act for the Districts of the County Courts of Barnstaple, Bideford, South Molton and Torrington, vice Ellis Pearson, F.R.C.S.Edin., resigned.

LOUGHRIDGE, J. S., M.B., B.Ch., Junior House-Surgeon, Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.

RALPHS, F. Gerald, M.B.Vict., F.R.C.S.Edin., Honorary Surgeon, Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary.

RATTRAY, Alex. M., M.D., M.S.Edin., to the Honorary Medical Staff of the Pontypridd and District Cottage Hospital.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—*Senior Medical Registrar:* N. Kletz, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P. *House-Physicians:* W. Brockbank, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; W. Broadhurst, M.B., Ch.B.; R. W. Fairbrother, M.B., Ch.B. *House-Surgeon to the Specials Department:* V. F. Lambert, M.B., Ch.B. *House-Surgeons:* L. Morris, M.B., Ch.B.; W. B. Bacon, M.B., Ch.B.; W. E. Fildes, M.B., Ch.B.; J. F. Bromley, M.B., Ch.B.; N. L. Edwards, M.B., Ch.B. *Second Surgical Registrar:* R. L. Galloway, M.B., Ch.B. *Pathological Registrars:* (Senior) B. J. Ryrie, M.B., Ch.B., and (Junior) A. Haworth, M.B., Ch.B. *Anaesthetist at the Central Branch:* Mrs. McL. Poston, M.B., B.Ch. *Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Radiological Department:* R. S. Paterson, M.B., Ch.B., D.M.R.E.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*War Section:* Mon., 5 p.m., Surgeon Commander R. Parnell, R.N.: Bismuth in the Treatment of Syphilis, to be followed by a discussion. *Section of Therapeutics and Pharmacology:* Tues., 4.30 p.m., Mr. J. B. S. Haldane: Experimental and Therapeutic Alterations of Human Tissue Alkalinity; Dr. E. P. Poulton: Anuria in Hypoglycaemic Coma. *Section of Psychiatry:* Tues., 8.30 p.m., Dr. Crichton Miller: The Physical Basis of Emotional Disorder. *Section of Surgery—Subsection of Proctology:* Wed., 5.30 p.m., Cases and Specimens. *Section of Neurology:* Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Dr. C. P. Symonds: Spontaneous Subarachnoid Haemorrhage. *Section of Electro-Therapeutics:* Fri., 8.30 p.m., Drs. E. W. Twining and R. Williamson: Gas Replacement in the Treatment of Pleural Effusions.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—Tues., Annual Dinner, Langham Hotel, W.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Mon., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: The General Symptoms and Remote Manifestations of Common Affections of the Naso-pharynx, Accessory Sinuses and Throat. To be introduced by Mr. Herbert Tilley, followed by Lord Dawson, Dr. John Poynton, Mr. W. M. Mollison, Dr. E. M. Callender, Sir Thomas Horder, Mr. C. W. M. Hope, Mr. E. D. D. Davis, and others.

TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY, Margaret Street Hospital, W.1.—Fri., 8 p.m., Dr. Clive Riviere: Artificial Pneumothorax.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—*Combined Course on Diseases of Children:* Demonstrations and lectures from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily, including Victoria Hospital for Children, Paddington Green Children's Hospital, and Royal Waterloo Hospital. *Central London Ophthalmic Hospital:* Clinical Lecture Demonstration every afternoon—Mon., 2 p.m.; Tues., 2.30 p.m.; Wed., 2.30 p.m.; Thurs., 2.30 p.m.; Fri., 4.30 p.m. *London Lock Hospitals:* Clinical work daily—lectures at Dean Street as follows: Mon., 5 p.m.; Tues., 2.30 p.m.; Wed., 5 p.m.; Thurs., 2.30 p.m.; Fri., 4 p.m. *London School of Tropical Medicine:* Tues. and Thurs., 2 p.m., Special Clinical Demonstrations. *North-East London Post-Graduate College* (Prince of Wales's General Hospital), Tottenham: Special Intensive Course, second week, February 11th to 16th. Demonstration and Clinics from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Clinical Lectures at 4.30 p.m.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—Wed., 4.30 p.m., Dr. T. B. Vaile: Surgical Anaesthesia by Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Mr. Doyne: Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Tues., 5 p.m., Dr. Graham Little: Pityriasis Rosea. Thurs., 5 p.m., Chesterfield Lecture by Dr. J. L. Bunch: Tuberculosis.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 12 noon, Dr. J. G. Greenfield: Neurosyphilis; 3.30 p.m., Dr. K. Wilson: Epileptic Equivalents and Borderland Syndromes. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Dr. R. Russell: Cranial Nerve Palsies. Wed., 3.30 p.m., Mr. L. Paton: Papilloedema and Optic Neuritis. Wed. and Thurs., 10 a.m., Dr. F. M. R. Walshe: Methods of Examination of the Nervous System; 12 noon, Dr. K. Wilson: Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Dr. G. Holmes: Polyneuritis. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Mr. S. Scott: Recent Studies on the Vestibular Nerve. Operations, Tues. and Fri., 9 a.m.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Mr. Rivett: The Value of Ante-Natal Examination.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Mon., 5 p.m., Mr. S. Handley: General Peritonitis. Wed., 5 p.m., Mr. R. Lawford Knaggs: Osteogenesis Imperfecta. Fri., 5 p.m., Mr. V. E. Negus: Mechanism of the Larynx.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 37, Russell Square, W.C.1.—Wed., 4 p.m., Dr. P. C. Varrier-Jones: Settlements for Tuberculosis.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.12.—Tues., 4 p.m., Mr. V. Z. Cope: Demonstration of Surgical Cases.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Mon., 12 noon, Mr. Simmonds: Applied Anatomy. Tues., 12 noon, Dr. Burrell: Chest Cases. Wed., 12.15 p.m., Dr. Burnford: Medical Pathology. Thurs., 11 a.m., Mr. Simson: Gynaecological Demonstration. Fri., 2 p.m., Mr. Sinclair: Surgical Out-patients. Sat., 10 a.m., Dr. Saunders: Medical Diseases of Children. Daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., In- and Out-patients, Operations, Special Departments.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY CLINICAL SCHOOL.—3.30 p.m.: Mon., Children's Hospital, Dr. Fordyce: Clinical and Pathological. Tues., Southern Hospital, Dr. de Courcy: The Ophthalmoscope in General Practice. Wed., Northern Hospital, Dr. M. Bligh: Empyema in Adults and Children. Thurs., Stanley Hospital, Miss Nicholson: Gonorrhoea in the Female. Fri., Royal Infirmary, Dr. Buchanan: Medical Cases.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Mon., 4.15 p.m., Mr. S. R. Wilson: Recent Improvements in Anaesthesia. Tues., 4.15 p.m., Sir W. Milligan: Present Position of Labyrinthine Surgery.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Thurs., 4.30 p.m., Dr. H. T. Ashby: Rheumatism in Children.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Royal Infirmary: Tues., 3.30 p.m., Mr. Mouat: Common Disabilities of the Foot. At Royal Hospital: Fri., 3.30 p.m., Mr. Morrell: Radiology in the Diagnosis of Obscure Conditions.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Royal Maternity and Women's Hospital: Wed., 4.15 p.m., Dr. S. J. Cameron: Obstetrical Cases. At Eye Infirmary; Thurs., 4 p.m., Medical Ophthalmology by Members of the Staff.

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Diary of the Association.

8 Fri. Buckinghamshire Division: Royal Bucks Hospital. Address by Mr. A. E. Webb-Johnson on Kinks of Surgical Importance, 2.30 p.m.
Exeter Division: Library of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, 3.30 p.m.; Executive Committee, 3.15 p.m.
Sheffield Division: B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. R. Hutchison on the Wasting Infant, at the University, Sheffield, at 8.45 p.m.

9 Sat. Newcastle-on-Tyne Division: Bridge Evening, Medical Institute, 8.30 p.m.

12 Tues. City Division: Metropolitan Hospital. Paper by Professor Hugh Maclean on the Treatment of Diabetes with Special Reference to Insulin, 9.30 p.m.

13 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.
Ashton-under-Lyne Division: Annual Dinner, George and Dragon Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, 8.30 for 9 p.m.

14 Thurs. London: **Adjourned Council**, 10 a.m.
West Middlesex Division: Paul's Tea Rooms, Ealing Broadway. Address by Mr. S. Maynard Smith on Chronic Abdominal Pain, 8.30 p.m.
Westminster and Holborn Division: Criterion Restaurant. Paper by Professor Maclean on Insulin in General Practice, 8.30 p.m., preceded by Dinner at 7.30.

15 Fri. Isle of Thanet Division: Bungalow Hotel, Birchington. Address by Dr. Harold Spitta on Vaccines: Their Preparation and Administration, 4.45 p.m.
Portsmouth Division: Technical College, Chemistry Lecture Theatre, D 1. Lecture by Dr. Parkinson on Some Points in the Diagnosis of Heart Diseases, 4.15 p.m.

20 Wed. Willesden Division: Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road. Mr. V. Z. Cope will speak on the Differential Diagnosis of the Acute Abdomen, 9 p.m.

21 Thurs. North of England Branch: Scientific Demonstration, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

25 Mon. Hereford Division: B.M.A. Lecture on Endocrinology by Dr. A. E. Gow.

26 Tues. South Middlesex Division: St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, Paper by Mr. Harold Mant, M.S., F.R.C.S., 8.45 p.m.

28 Thurs. Kensington Division: Kensington Palace Mansions Hotel, De Vere Gardens. Address by the Rev. H. Costley White, M.A., 8.45 p.m.
Sunderland Division: Address by Dr. R. A. Bolam on Hospital Policy. Annual Dinner in the evening.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH.

FENWICK JONES.—On January 22nd, at Bryn-y-Dre, Bangor, North Wales, to Megan, wife of D. W. Fenwick Jones, M.B., B.S.Lond., a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

NEILSON—SURTEES.—At St. Ninian's Episcopal Church, Glasgow, on February 2nd, James Paton Neilson, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Llansawel, Carmarthenshire, to Nora Surtees, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg.

DEATH.

MERSON.—On February 3rd, at De la Pole, Willerby, Hull, Harriett Milward, wife of John Merson, M.D., Medical Superintendent of Hull Mental Hospital.

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